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SUBJ: CANADIAN BARLEY AND WHEAT SITUATION

REF: BELL/JEAN TELCON OF 9/22/75

1. CWB TRADITIONALLY RELIES ON PRIVATE TRADE TO HANDLE 85-90 PERCENT OF BARLEY EXPORTS. TRADE SOURCES ESTIMATE 75/76 BARLEY EXPORTS TO BE HANDLED BY PRIVATE TRADE AT MINIMUM 115 MIL. BU. CWB HAS COMMITTED ABOUT 105 MIL. BU. TO EXPORTERS. IN ADDITION, CWB WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE DIRECT GOVT/GOVT SALES E.G. JAPAN, ITALY, ISRAEL, POLAND.

2. EXPORT BARLEY CURRENTLY SELLING AT $20/T OVER CORN. TRADERS STATE THIS DUE TO UNCERTAINTY CREATED BY TEMPORARY BAN ON U.S. FEEDGRAIN SALES TO USSR. NEITHER TRADERS NOR CWB WILL TALK MUCH ABOUT DESTINATIONS. CWB MEMBER SAID HE THOUGHT A FAIRLY LARGE PORTION WOULD BE GOING TO USSR. ONE TRADER SAID QUOTE AT A $20 PREMIUM OVER CORN, WHERE ELSE WOULD IT BE GOING? UNQUOTE

3. 1975 BARLEY CROP BADLY STRAINED. MALTING BARLEY WILL BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.
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4. WHEAT YIELDS BEING REPORTED DURING PAST 10 DAYS
INDICATE AN IMPROVEMENT. TRADERS BELIEVE CWB WILL HAVE ABOUT
ONE MILLION TONS OVER AND ABOVE CURRENT SALES PLUS AMOUNTS
BEING HELD FOR TRADITIONAL MARKETS. CWB COMMISSIONER PUT
FIGURE AT 500,000 MT, OR SLIGHTLY MORE, BUT DOUBTED THAT
FIGURE COULD REACH ONE MILLION. CWB COMMISSIONER SAID THAT
THEY HAD HOPED TO TEST THEIR SYSTEM AGAINST A MINIMUM CARRY-
OUT IN 74/75 BUT CROP QUALITY AND STRIKES PREVENTED THIS.

5. WHEAT QUALITY IN 1975 CROP APPEARS TO BE QUOTE NORMAL UNQUOTE
I.E. 70 PERCENT GRADING NO. 1 AND 2. THERE ARE SOME REPORTS
OF SPROUTING; HOWEVER, DEGREE OF INVISIBLE SPROUT DAMAGE
HAS NOT YET BEEN ASCERTAINED.
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